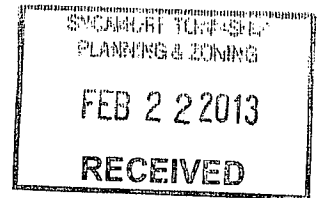




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Board of Zoning Appeals:

I am filing for a variance to a commercial property. The property is located at 7645 School Road, Cincinnati, OH 45249. The property is 1.234 acres. I am the President of Horizons Landscape & Irrigation, Inc., and I rent the property for my business.

The lot has fencing along the front of the property that is approximately 3 feet 9 inches tall. I was advised to put screening up on the fence so as passerby's would not see into my lot. I do have outside storage for landscape materials etc, on my property but it is kept up and maintained to look as best as it can. The specific section I am referring to is 6.12 (e) 4.

I am asking to not have to put up the screening on the fence around the property due to the crime I have battled since I have moved into the property in May of 2012. In less than a year, I have dealt with three different instances of crime/property damage. The first incident involved several people and two vehicles. They cut the chain to my gate and entered the property. I didn't find any other damage or any items stolen but we think they were after gasoline. The second incident happened when a lone male was walking down the street and decided to kick down my mailbox. The third incident was a vehicle that decided to drive through the front grass and create deep tire ruts in the grass.

I have discussed the screening with the police officers who have been to my property to take reports on these crimes. They have informed me that the screening will not help with deterring crime. They want the lot to be lit up and open. I also have a camera security system that has helped the police officers investigate the crimes. If the screening were to go up, I would lose valuable information to catch these criminals. With all of problems I have had, if the screening would have been up, I would have lost footage to give to the police to investigate.

The screening on the fence would only add to my hardships at this property. I haven't even been at the location a year and I've already dealt with three different instances of crime. I also know of other businesses in the area that have had problems with criminals. If I put up the screening, I am less likely to have valuable video footage of what is taking place outside of the fence and the police officers patrolling the area would not have a clear line of site. I am also worried about the safety of my employees. I would appreciate it, if I would not be made to put up the screening on the fence.



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Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



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